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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE PLENARY - FEBRUARY 10, 1975

PNE MESSAGE NUMBER ONE

1. SUMMARY. FIRST PLENARY HELD AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 10. STOESSEL NOTED THAT BASIC PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IS TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE III OF TTBT. HE THEN REPEATED THREE U.S. CRITERIA FOR AGREEMENT GOVERNING PNES. HE SAID U.S. HAS CONDUCTED COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ISSUES DURING RECESS AND SAID U.S. SIDE WOULD, IN DUE COURSE, ADDRESS APPROPRIATE LIMITATIONS AND VERIFICATION PROVISIONS FOR BOTH CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION PNES. MOROKHOV PRESENTED BRIEF STATEMENT CONTAINING LITTLE SUBSTANCE. HE SAID NEGOTIATIONS FLOW DIRECTLY FROM TTBT WHICH IS FIRST STEP TOWARD CTB. HE REFERRED TO "WELL-DEFINED OBLIGATIONS" WITH REGARD TO PNES IN NPT. HE ALSO DISCUSSED IN GLOWING TERMS VIENNA IAEA TECHNICAL PANEL AND U.S.-SOVIET BILATERALS, NOTING WITH SPECIAL INTEREST U.S. DEL REPORT ON U.S.-THAI KRA CANAL PROJECT. THIS PROJECT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH HELP OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS OF HIGH YIELD. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST PLENARY HELD AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 10. MOROKHOV, CHAIRING, APPEARED SOMEWHAT THE WORSE FROM EARLIER LUNCH WITH STOESSEL AND BUCHHEIM. HE WAS UNUSUALLY JOVIAL AND CHATTERED

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SOMEWAHT INCOHERENTLY TO TIMERBAYEV DURING MUCH OF STOESSEL'S

PREPARED STATEMENT.

3. MOROKHOV WELCOMED U.S. DELEGATION AND INTRODUCED SOVIET DELEGATION, BUT DID NOT PROVIDE LIST (OUR VERSION OF LIST SENT SEPTEL). HE THEN GAVE FLOOR TO STEOSSEL. STOESSEL GREETED SOVIET DELEGATION AND THANKED STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR USE OF ITS FACILITIES. HE THEN INTRODUCED U.S. DELEGATION.

4. STOESSEL NOTED THAT BASIC PURPOSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS IS TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE III OF TTBT. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT INTENT OF TTBT, AGREEMENT SIDES WORK OUT MUST BE SUCH THAT PNES DO NOT PROVIDE WEAPON-RELATED BENEFITS OTHERWISE PRECLUDED OR LIMITED BY TTBT. NECESSARY COROLLARY IS THAT FACT THAT PNE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING SUCH BENEFITS MUST BE ADEQUATELY VERIFIABLE. THIRD CRITERIA IS THAT AGREEMENT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING TREATY OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR, LTBT.

5. STOESSEL RECALLED THAT, DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS, SIDES IDENTIFIED MAJOR ISSUES RELATED TO PNE AGREEMENT. CERTAIN DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH EMERGED, AS WELL AS AREAS IN WHICH SIDES SEEM TO BE THINKING ALONG SIMILAR LINES. HE SAID THAT U.S. HAS CONDUCTED COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ISSUES DURING RECESS. BEGINNING AT NEXT PLENARY, U.S. DEL WILL SHARE RESULTS OF THIS ANALYSIS AND, IN DUE COURSE, ADDRESS U.S. VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE LIMITATIONS AND VERIFICATION PROVISIONS FOR BOTH CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION PNES. U.S. SIDE WILL ALSO POSE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING SOVIET VIEWS AND AWAITS WITH INTEREST SOVIET VIEWS ON FULL RANGE OF ISSUES ENTRUSTED TO DELEGATIONS.

6. MOROKHOV PRESENT BRIEF STATEMENT CONTAINING LITTLE SUBSTANCE. HE SAID THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS MUST PLAY SUBSTANTIAL ROLE IN WIDENING AND DEEPENING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, NOTING THIS WAS SPECIFICALLY HIGHLIGHTED IN VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE. NEGOTIATIONS FLOW DIRECTLY FROM TTBT, WHICH IS MAJOR STEP ON WAY TO LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMS AND FIRST STEP TOWARD CTB WHICH SOVIET SIDE HAS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED IT FAVORS. HE THEN ASSERTED THAT NPT CONTAINS "WELL-DEFINED
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OBLIGATION" TO CARRY OUT PNES FOR NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY.

7. MOROKHOV WENT ON TO CHARACTERIZE THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS AS USEFUL BUT POINTED OUT IT DID NOT LEAD TO THE NECESSARY UNDERSTANDING. HE THEN DISCUSSED VIENNA IAEA TECHNICAL PANEL AND U.S.-SOVIET BILATERALS. HE CHARACTERIZED THESE AS USEFUL AND INTERESTING AND REMARKED THAT EVERYTHING DISCUSSED

THERE HAD AN "EMOTIONAL CHARACTER" FOR HIM. HE REFERRED TO PRESENTATIONS OF U.S. EXPERTS WHICH SHOWED U.S. PNE PLAN WHOSE FULFILLMENT WOULD INCREASE BY SEVERAL TIMES U.S. RESERVES OF OIL, GAS AND COPPER. HE HAD LISTENED WITH SPECIAL INTEREST IN VIENNA TO U.S. DEL REPORT ON U.S.-THAI KRA CANAL PROJECT WHICH WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH THE HELP OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS OF HIGH YIELD.

8. MOROKHOV CLOSED WITH HOPE OF SUCCESS FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT U.S. DEL WOULD MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS IMPORTANT ENTERPRISE. NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 12. STOESEL

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